Recommendations for Office-Little Progre un Vet, but Fruitfut Remits Expected-The Coupen Cases. (Special from a Staff Correspondent of the Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18 .-

The counsel for the State in the coupon cases, including Messrs. Blair, Staples, Garland, and Merrick, were at the Supreme Court to-day, but none of our cases were called.

The court is engaged on a case from West Virginia, in which Judge Robertson is of counsel, involving the right of that State to repeal the Chesapeake and Ohio exemption from taxation. They are not yet through, and will ask for an extension of time. The Virginia cases may not, therefore, come up until next week. Garland will argue the one point, "The suability of a State." Our counsel feel very hopeful, not to say confident, of victory, and have made an admirable division of work between themselves.

VIRGINIA CONGRESSMEN CONFER

The Virginia Democratic congres men have been in session the livelong day, with the exception of a few hours when they were calling upon President Cleveland. They have agreed upon Catlett Gibson for district attorney for the Eastern district, and of course he will be appointed, which done will cut off Judge Waddill in the midst of his term. Mr. Gibson's appointment will not be put down as an appointment from the Eighth district, but as from the State at large. That seems the idea. COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

The bulk of the delegation is for ex-Senator Withers for Commissioner of Agriculture, and, I doubt not, asked the appointment of the President to-As the President informed them that the Commissioner would be ap-pointed from the Northwest, our congressional conference has as yet made very little progress, but to-morrow will probably be fruitful of results. Each congressman will be free to act as to appointments within his own district, but where officers have jurisdiction in several congressional districts all the congressmen will probably vote as to recommending the candi For instance, for collector of the Fourth revenue district every Democratic Virginia congressmen will have a

THE SECOND AND FOURTH DIS-TRICTS.

As to the Second and Fourth districts the whole delegation will act upon such applications as are referred to They have already given a hearing to numerous representative gentle-Virginia delegation to look after the interests of the Second and Fourth districts seemed the best thing that could be done, but still it does not give entire satisfaction. The President uderstand the condition of affairs in Virginia very well. The members were pleased with their visit to him. One of the places that seems actually

within the grasp of the Virginia delegation is that of Superintendent of Publi Printing. It pays \$4,500 per annum and the Superintendent controls 2,500 appointments. Mr. Derr will probably be recommended. He is the only applicant from our State and has made ouch headway. Congressman O'Ferrall got the first

appointment in having W. M. Bucher made superintendent of construction of the public building at Harrisonburg in place of J. P. Hyde, Mahoneite. The nominations sent in to the Senate

to-day are held by some to be indicative of strong Randall influence with Mr. Cleveland.

W. D. C. Governor.

Injunction of Secreey Removed.

By telegraph to the Dispatch. WASHINGTON, March 18 .- In ex ecutive session of the Senate to-day the function of secrecy was removed from the following resolution introduced by Mr. Edmunds last Friday and agreed to by the Senate vesterday : Whereas the Senate of the United

of the Republic of Guatemala has set on foot, or threatens to set on foot, an avasion of the territories of the repubics of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and San Salvador, with the professed object consolidating into one Government the republies of Central America by force of arms and against the wishes of the several republics concerned; and whereas there is pending between the aragua a treaty providing for the construction of an inter-oceanic canal across the continent and in the Republic of Nicaragua for the general benefit of all the Central American republics s well as the United States, which treaty, it is understood, the Republic of

Nicaragua has ratified; therefore, be it Senate. That in view of the special and important interests of the United States in conjunction with those of the repubics of Nicaragua and Costa-Rica in the inter-oceanic transit across the contirent, now in progress of adjustment, ragua or Costa Rica by the forces of Guatemala under the circumstances and with the purposes before stated is regarded by the Senate, and ought to be treated by the United States, as an act of unfriendly and hostile interference of the rights of the United States and of the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica in respect of said matter.

Resolved. That a copy of the forego-ing preamble and resolution be transmitted to the President of the United

The Commissionership of Internal

Bevenue. By telegraph to the Dispatch. WASHINGTON, March 18 .- The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the nomination of Joseph S. Miller to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, cice Evans, removed. Mr. Evans said to-day that it was not true, as was asserted in the executive session of the Senate yesterday, that he had express-ed to Secretary Manning a willingness said Evans. "I not only have not resigned, nor have I ever had a word of conversation with either the President or Secretary Manning on the subject." Evans has written a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the

copy: Hon, Daniel Manning, Secretary of

the Treasury : Sir,-I have received your letter of this date, in which you state that by direction of the President I am informed that my "resignation" as Commissioner of Internal Revenue "is accepted," to take effect upon the qualification of my successor. I was hardly prepared to receive such a letter to-day, in view of the fact that I had not resigned, and especially as my information is that my cessor was nominated to the Senate yesterday. It may be proper that I should take this occasion to state

anatter, of which the following is a

talk to you upon the subject, still it has been my fixed purpose to resign at an early day, in no event later than the close of the fiscal year—my second in office—and I thought I had probably a fair right to assume the existence of the apparent cause for believing that there was too great a disposition to avoid apparent cause for beneving that there was too great a disposition to avoid hasty removals to make it necessary for me to speak of it, if at all, in the hurry of the carliest days of the Administration. I was acting upon that assumption, and with ne thought or desire to embarrass anybody, and not supposing that I was doing so.

Very respectfully, WALTER EVANS,

Presidential Nominations.
[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Pre-

sident sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Milton J. Durham, of Kertucky, to be First Comptroller of the Treasury; William Garrard, of Nevada, to be Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nev.; Joseph R. Ryan, of Nevada, to be Coiner of the Mint at Carson, Nev.; Malcolm Hay, of Pennsylvania, to be First Assistant Postmaster-General; Martin V. Montgomery, of Michigan, to be Commissioner of Patents; David S. Baker. Jr., of Rhode Island, to be Attorney for the District of Rhode Island; Ber jamin H. Hill, Jr., of Georgia, to be Attorney of the United States for the Northern district of Georgia.

Extra Session of the Senate.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, March 18,-The Chair laid before the Senate the resolution offered by Mr. Miller, of New York, authorizing the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to sit during recess to consider the best means of preserving the forests upon the public domain, and to employ a clerk.

After some discussion the resolution was adopted-27 to 25-and the Senate went into executive session.

The doors were reopened at 4 o'clock and the Senate adjourned.

General Washington Notes. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18 .- A telegram to-day to the War Department from General Hatch, at Arkansas City, says : " The Couch colony, about five hundred in number, continue in camp here, and say they do not intend to disband. I do not believe they will attempt to enter the Territory."

United States Consul-General Adamson, at Panama, reported to the State Department to-day that in the trouble which occurred in that city yesterday twelve men were killed.

The commander of the Wachusett, in a dispatch to the Navy Department today, reports the arrival of that vessel

The naval order promulgated yesterday transferring Rear-Admiral Earl English from the European station to South America was issued by Secretary Chandler before his term expired but not promulgated. A delegation of retired rear admirals, accompanied by counsel, called upon the Secretary of the Navy and asked that the order of Mr. Chandler be revoked. The delegation asserted that Chandler's order was

ssued for personal reasons. The Secretary of the Navy to-day ordered that the Talapoosa be put in repair for regular service instead of for transportation of Government freight and passengers. It has not yet been decided to what station she will be as-

issued a warrant for \$3,950.73 in favor of ex-President R. B. Hayes, being the sum appropriated by Congress to reimburse him for payments made on account of expenses of the commission appointed to go to Louisians in April.

\$2,000 for services rendered as counsel W. Haslup; Sudley, J. C. Jones, J. States against Guiteau.

To-day was the forty-eighth anniversary of the birth of the President, and ner, Presiding Elder. Winchester Stagratulate him and wish him "many happy returns of the day." A little child to whom the President had been G. O. Homan: Berryville, J. A. An-particularly kind a few days before sent derson, W. L. Dilly—J. J. Engle suparticularly kind a few days before sent "Whereas the Senate of the United States has learned that the Government violets, with her card, wishing him the compliments of the season.

(ity telegraph to the Dispatch. ATLANTA, GA., March 18 .- At 2:30 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the James-Bank block, a five-story building at the corner of Whitehall and Alabama streets. The flames leaped rapidly up the elevator-shaft. United States and the Republic of Nic- and that corner of the building was soon destroyed. People who had sl ing-rooms on the upper floors narrowly escaped with their lives. J. V. Sims, wife, and son, of Williamsburg, S. C. got out on the roof of a four-story building adjoining, and were in danger of losing their lives, but were rescued by the firemen. The entire building was not burned. The part destroyed cost 860,000, on which there is an insurance of \$31,000. The end destroyed was owned by Mrs. John II. James and pledged to the Central-Bank-Block Association to pay interest on her husband's debts, through a contract made when he failed recently. One man is belived to have been lost in the ruins.

Later .- J. H. Canfield's remains were dug out of the debris of the fire this afternoon. An Italian fruit-dealer

By telegraph to the Dispatch,

FLIZABETH, N. J., March 18 .- The paraffine factory at Elizabethport was fired this morning by the bursting of a still and was totally destroyed. loss is from \$150,000 to \$200,000; no surance. The factory employed fifty hands and was owned by Theophilus M. Ware, of No. 43 Exchange Place.

Another Strike Ended.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.) FORT WAYNE, IND., March 18.-The strike of the Wabash-shop employes at this place ended last night. The strikers all went to work to-day at the old rate of wages. Master-Mechanic Barnes returned from St. Louis last night. The hospital assessment has not yet been decided upon. It is understood that the men were given assurances that they would not be discharged for participation in the strike. The leaders of the Knights of Labor who organized the strike here left last They were escorted to the depot by a body of strikers, who cheered lustily as the train moved off.

> Arrested for Polygamy. telegraph to the Dispa

SALT LAKE, UTAH, March 18 .-John Nicholson, editor of the Desert News, church organ, has been arrested for alleged polygamy and held in \$1,500 bonds for the grand jury. C. W. Penrose, the regular editor-in-chief of the News, has fied the Territory. He was

wanted on the same charge.

Judge R. K. Emerson, United States judge of the First district of Utah, has resigned after having completed three that, while I have never resigned, I Utah beach.

VIRGINIA METHODISTS.

THE SALEM CONFERENCE. Day's Proceedings in Detail-Edu

ference was opened with prayer.

The consideration of the reports of the Board of Education was resumed. Montgomery Female College, Christiansburg, Va., is not owned by the Conference, but was recommended as a school of high character. The Valley Female College, Winchester, Va.—J.
P. Hyde, principal—was reported as in a prosperous and growing condition.
The report on the Wesleyan Female

SALEM, VA., March 18,-The Con-

Seminary-Rev. W. A. Harris, D. D., president sets forth that the debt now due is \$98,000, and that this is in process of funding, for which an act of Assembly has been secured. The report recommends that hereafter all the carnings shall be applied to the liquida-tion of the debt. It also recommends the institution to the confidence of the

people.

The report was adopted, with the additional resolution that the Bishop be requested to appoint Dr. Harris and J. P. Hyde to their respective institutions. The Mount Paro Institute, Charles-

town, W. Va., is also recommended.

The report of the Cooporate Board of Finance was read and adopted. The secretary presented a financial exhibit showing the amounts paid for the support of the ministry to be \$108,564 deficiency, \$9,496; increase of amount paid, \$1,000.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause and the report of the Committee on District-Conference Records were read and adopted.

PUBLISHING.

The report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was taken up, having been previously laid on the table. An amendment offered by C. Denny

in regard to a canvass for the Episcope Methodist was discussed by W. K. Boyle, editor of the same; J. S. Gardner, R. Smithson, and C. Denny. amendment was laid on the table, and the report was adopted. A collection was taken up to meet

the expenses of stationery. On motion, J. P. Hyde was ap pointed railroad agent, with authority o act for the Conference.

Resolutions of thanks were passed. The Bishop announced the Joint Beard of Finance, the Committee of Memoirs, and the boards of visitors to arious institutions of learning. Rev. N. Head was announced as

The Conference Board of Missie vas reelected. Resolutions of sympathy for Bishop Wilson and prayers for his recovery

rustee for Payne Institute.

were adopted. Bishop Granbery addressed the Cor ference in behalf of the Women's Mis

sionary Society. After singing hymn No. 277 and prayer by W. G. Eggleston, the Bishop, at 11:30, addressed the Conference and mounced the appointments, and thus losed the 101st session.

APPIGNIMENTS IN VIRGINIA Baltimore District .- T. E. Carson, Presiding Elder; East Baltimore District, R. R. S. Hough, Presiding Elder; Washington District, S. Rodgers, Presiding Elder. Mount Vernon, Washington, S. K. Cox-J. W. Boteler supernumerary; Alexandria, R. Smithn; Falls Church, S. W. Haddaway; Fairfax, O. C. Beall: Dranesville, J. H. Dulaney; Leesburg, I. W. Canter; Hamilton, J. T. Williams; Hilsborough J. R. Van Horne—one to be supplied; Middleburg, C. L. Dameron; Loudoun, A. A. P. Neele, J. H. Light; Piedmont, J. H. Waugh, J. M. Hawley-L. ve of strong Randall influence with IS77.
Warrants were also issued in the ville, F. Furr; Linden, J. D. Martin; It is well understood here that Mr. name of Charles H. Reed for \$3,000 Warrenton, J. A. Kern; Fauquier, D. and in the name of George Scoville for F. Eutzler; Occoquan, Morrisville, L. for the defence in the case of the United | S. Porter; Frederic sburg, J. S. Hutchi-

son; Stafford, L. M. Lyle. Winchester District .- P. H. Whis most of his callers took occasion to con- tion, J. S. Martin; Winchester Circuit, G. T. Tyler; Cedarville, J. H. Wolffe; Front Royal, H. W. Kinzer; Warren. pernumerary; Brucetown, F. A. Stro ther, J. P. Stump; Martinsburg, J. R. Andrews: Berkeley, W. O. Ross: Charlestown, W. G. Eggleston: Frederick, J. W. Mitchell—E. F. Heterick supernumerary; Jefferson, S. V. Hilde-brand; Shepherdstown, J. E. Armstrong: Gainsboro', S. R. Snapp. Page, S. Townsend : Strasburg, W. Woolfe; Shenandoah, I. Fox; Woodstock and Edinburg, S. G. Ferguson : J. P. Hyde, Vailey Female College; W

P. Harrison, book editor Methodist Episcopal Church, Southe Rockinghom District. J. C. Dice. Presiding Elder. Staunton, J. S. Gardner: Harrisonburg, L. C. Miller: Bridgewater, W. L. Lynch, F. J. Prettyman: Parnassus and Mount Sidney, H. A. Gaver-G. R. Jefferson supernumerary; Monterey, C. E. Joyce—one to be supplied; Crabbottom, J. H. Temple; Augusta, G. T. D. Collins; Staunton Circuit, H. A. Brown; Bell's Valley, C. L. Potter; Waynesboro', A. M. Cockley; Port Republic, H. D. Bishop; New Hope, H. Wilson; Rockingham, R. M. Wheeler: East Rockingham, H. M. Strickler; Milnes, L. L. Lloyd; Furnace, C. G. Linthicum; Luray, J. H. Davidson: Mount Jackson, J. S. Hop-

kins; Newmarket, F. A. Mercer; W A. Harris, Wesleyan Female Institute. Roanoke District .- G. H. Zimmerman, Presiding Elder, Salem, J. W. Shoaf; Roanoke, L. R. Green; Roanoke Circuit, A. Q. Flaherty: Lafayette, S. L. Tucker; Christiansburg, N. Head; Blacksburg, A. O. Armstrong; New-port, W. E. Miller; New Castle, R. Ross; Catawba, W. W. Hederick; Fincastle, F. M. Strother; Amsterdam, W W. Watts; Upper Botetourt, H. S. Coe James River, A. C. McNeer; Lexington, W. A. Wade-A. P. Boude supernu merary; Lexington Circuit, V. W. Wheeler; Fairfield, C. L. Torreyson;

Collierstown, J. W. Cantry.

Lewisburg District.—D. Bush. Presiding Elder. Lewisburg, C. Denny; Frankford, E. H. Henry, F. M. Jones Blue Sulphur, Q. Miller; Centreville, L. R. Markwood; Hinton, J. N. Fol-lausbee; Talcott, J. L. Henderson; Union, J. L. Kibler; Hilsdale, H. Roane: Alderson and Ronceverte, W. H. Woolfe-P. S. E. Sixeas supernumcrary: White Sulphur, W. P. C. Coe; Covington, W. N. Wagner; Levelton, L. H. Grabille: Huntersville, C. W. Mark: Edray, Highland, D. L. Reid: Healing Springs, W. H. Ballanger-one to be supplied; Green Bank, J. K. Gilbert: Warm Springs, S. S. Troy; Woodland and Hebron, to be supplied.

Moorefield District .- W. G. nd, Presiding Elder. Moorefield, J. L. Shipley-J. Beaty supernumerary : South Branch, W. Hammond, C. C. Eddington; Hardy, F. T. Griffith; Morgan, J. T. Maxwell; Wardensville, J. J. Crickenberger; Capon Bridge, R. Smith.

Preparing for the Southern Press As

At a meeting of the Board of Tra le | cult and the transportation of wounded | him with a warm letter of introduction here to-day a committee composed of is tedious.

nine prominent citizens was appointed to provide for the reception and enter-tainment of the Southern Press Asso-ciation, which will hold its annual meeting here on April 1st. Hon. George It. Fairbanks, the historian of Florida, will deliver an oration at the celebration at St. Angustine. on March 27th, of the landing of Ponce de Leon in 1512, and the founding of the city of St. Augustine, 1565.

NORTH CAROLINA.

prectors Elected-The Snow-Storm-Perm [Special telegram to the Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., March 18 .- To-day the new Board of Directors of the peni tentiary met here. They reelected E. R. Stamps president, W. J. Hicks architect and warden, and D. C. Murray steward. Roger Kingsbury was elected clerk to the Board. Governor Scales has decided to leave here on the 28th instant for New Or-leans and will spend a week there. He

will travel in the private car of Colonel

April 2d has been set apart as North Carolina day at the Exposition.

The snow-storm which began at 2:30 yesterday afternoon did not cease until 9 o'clock this morning. It was perhaps the heaviest snowfall ever known in this section during March. Telegrams from various points in the State show that the fall at those points was as foilows: At Charlotte, six inches; at Weldon, eight; at Durham, eight; at Hamlet, ten; at Manly, fifteen. Along the line of the Carolina Central railroad the snow was from ten to fifteen inche on a level. Here it was eight and a half inches. Coming in the midst of spring weather, with flowers in bloom,

day it melted very rapidly. Freshets in the streams are expected as the re-A BRUTAL MOTHER.

She Lashes Her Children and Burns Then with Bolling Grease. (Special telegram to the Dispatch.

it was remarkable in all respects. To-

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 18 .day a negro woman named Elles Crank-and for the credit of humanity it is to be hoped that she is not only a crank," but a mad woman-was ar rested by Officer Henry Latham upon the complaint of a citizen, whose premises she occupied, and lodged in jail upon the charge of inhuman treatnent of two little colored boysher children. The elder of them she lashed with a leather strap until the little fellow's body covered with whelps. But this did not appease her. She burned the strap up, and deliberately boiling a pan of grease poured the fluid hissing into the bands of her children, and then rewarded their irrepressible outcries with additional knocks and cuffs about the head and body. It is also charged that she applied hot irons to their persons. Neither of the children is m than four or five years old. Their hands are drawn and blistered, and their whole aspect in the Police Court to-day was pitiable to behold. woman will be tried to-morrow.

BUCKINGHAM

Narrow Escape .- The Weather and the Crops (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch,)

GOLD HILL, March 18, 1885. Mrs. Emma H. Hall, wife of Thomas S. Hall, Esq., of this place, came near being burned to death yesterday. While citting before the fire in her chamber she was taken with a convulsion and fell across the hearth, striking her lefbreast on one of the andirons, the blow causing a very heavy hemorrhage. Mrs Hall has been in ill health for the last two years, but it is hoped she will soon

There is a good deal of complaint about the wheat. A great many say it is killed and that a poor crop will be bad weather, are behindhand in their preparations for the spring crops. The

weather continues very cold.

Opening of a New Pier. Special telegram to the Dispatch. NORFOLK, VA., March 18,-Busiess was formally begun at the Lamert's-Point coal pier to-day, and the first vessel is loading from the shutes. This begins a new era in Norfolk's com-

By telegraph to the Disputen. CHARLESTON, N. C., March 18,-The weather in the upper counties of this State is very severe. This morning snow fell to the depth of eight nches at Union, twelve inches at Spartansburg, and six inches at Laurens. PETERSEURG, VA., March 18 very heavy snow-storm prevailed last night along the Atlantic Coast Line from Pleasant Hill, N. C., to Wilmington, N. C., covering the ground to the depth of from six to ten inches. When the north-bound passenger train passed Weldon this morning snow was still

WILMINGTON, DEL., March 18 .-Both houses of the General Assembly met in joint session at noon to-day. The journals of vesterday's ballot for United States senator were read and compared. Speaker Cooper, of the Senate, who preided, then declared George Gray duly elected United States senator, and his certificates were made out and signed.

Mexican Troops Moving.

By telegraph to the Dispatch. ral Alatonie, in command of 8,000 troops, has been ordered to immediately join his forces with 7,000 troops are now in motion.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
STEELE, DAK., March 18.-Josh Schenck, a Swede, who was placed in jail here last night, charged with the murder of Anton Siepouski, was found dead in his cell to-day. The doctorpronounced it a case of death from fright.

the Vatican.
[By cable to the Dispatch.]

ROME, March 18 .- Cardinal Jacobini. Papal Secretary of State, has instructed Mgr. Rampollo del Tindaro, Papal Nuncio at Madrid, to have a stop put to the agitation among the Spanish bishops concerning Spain's policy towards the Vatican, and to notify the bishops that the relations existing between Spain and the Vatican are now cordial and satisfactory to the Holy See.

KORTI, March 18 .- It is estimated that reinforcements to the extent of 25 JACKSONVILLE, FLA., March 18.— The navigation of the Nile is very dif-

lish Possible Director to Her Majestr's

A Paris letter to the Boston Herald says: All the world now knows that Olivier Pain is with the Mahdi in upper Egypt, and it is believed that all of the latter's military success is due to the advice of the Frenchman. I know Olivier Pain personally. I first met him in Chicago, or, I should say, the other side of that city; for I had been sent out by the journal on which I was sent out by the journal on which I was then engaged to meet Henri Rochefort after his escape from New Caledonia. Pain was with Rochefort at the time, and I joined their company as far West as the Mississippi river. During those six or eight hours' ride we talked of several things, particularly of the escape, the events of the Commune, and of journalistic work during the empire. Ten or twelve miles west of Chicago a representative of the Tribune boarded the train, and as I had no wish to be discovered, I cantioned my French conferrees to say nothing of my presence, and hid myself in another car. next morning the Tribune had less than half a column of very poor matter. while the Times came out with almost a page of interesting details, but which might have been much better if it had been written by any other person. Of the two men Pain was much the more agreeable, much the more talkative. Then he was a thin, medium-sized man, and he has not changed in physical appearance since. I should guess him to be forty years of age. Frequently there is a vacant look about which none but his friends understand they know that this apparent vacancy o look occurs only when the man is thinking of future plans. He has all that exuberance of gesture and quickness of speech which foreigners attribute to every Frenchman. A native of Normandy, people mistake him for a Gas-He is a maried man: his wife and their four children are now in Geneva. I am told that they are in great want. A month or so ago one of Pain's uncles died, leaving him a large fortune, but his absence from France prevents his

poor wife receiving one penny of this Along toward the end of the empire, Olivier Pain was trying to earn a living by writing poetry and occasional articles for newspapers. Like most of the young men of that period, he had a violent hatred of the Emperor Louis Napoleon, and he showed this so unmistakably in all that he wrote that in 1869 he was sent to St. Pelagie to keep | some journalists. Among these was the Marquis de Lucay, better known as Henri Rochefort, who, when the empire had fallen, remembered his companion in misfortune by appointing him presi-

THE COMMITTEE ON BARBICADES.

On the 18th of March, when the Com-

mune was proclaimed, Rochefort named Pain as Secretary-General for the Minis-

ter of Foreign Affairs; but on the 24th

of May be abandoned diplomacy, shoul-

dered a gun, and went to defend a barricade in the Place du Chateau d'Eau. Before the lighting was over that day Pain had been wounded no fewer than seven times, and twice he was hit hard enough to kill an ox. Concealed until wounds were healed sufficiently for him to move about he escaped from Paris and went to his native town of Roven Hard up, he asked a college traved him to the authorities. Tried for the part he took in the Commune, Pain was sent to New Caledonia, where he had a chance to continue his friend-ship for Rochefort, who soon joined him Midnight, 40 he had a chance to continue his friendin that far-off country. Together they Pain did not know how to swim, he set made. The grass crop is injured also, to work to learn. A month later he was ready, and then the two old friends swam nearly three miles out to a vessel, on which passage had already been retained for them. In due course of time they reached San Francisco, where reporters of the Chronicle interviewed them in regular form. Snow-bound in east Utah for ing ice at Omaha, they were finally escorted on to Chicago in the manner I have already indicated. The New York them, but that gallant Irishman would not have succeeded had it not been for my good offices. We all funched at the Pacific Hotel, leaving the table only in time for Pain, Rochefort, and O'Kelley to catch the eastern express, which eft the city at 5 o'clock. I Olivier Pain no more until in the autumn of 1881. Meanwhile, however, I had read of his doings at Plevna, where he was with Osman Pacha. The experience then gained has served him well in this recent campaign against the Englishman, whom he hates as cordially as though he were an Irishman. After the fall of Plevna Pain served as an intermediary between Osman Pacha, who could only talk Arabic, and the Grand Duke, who of course could talk | tween the two companies. Pacific Mail | March. 87,25a87,30. Sugar dull and French. For this good turn the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces sent Pain away as a prisoner simply Tried by court-martial and condemne the Swiss minister to St. Petersburg, who demanded his surrender as a compatriot. When the claim was submitted to Alexandre 11, it is said the Czar remarked: "A journalist ought not to be tried by a court-martial. It is true M. Pain fought against us. but that perhaps was compulsory upon him. Journalists are forced to do all sorts of things in order to do their duty. Let him go back to Switzerland." few years later the ex-Communist, who now in the State of Michoacan, and thus owed his life and liberty to the proceed to the State of Chiapas, which Czar of all the Russias. publicle apborders on Guatemala. These troops planded the assassination of that illustrious Emperor. Pain remained in Switzerland until after the passage of the amnesty bill, when turned to France. A party of capitalists started a newspaper called the Intransigeant, and appointed Roche fort the editor-in-chief. the paper as the parliamentary editor, and discharged the duties of his position in a way to prove that he hated the nobility and bourgeoisie as much as ever. Occasionally we used to meet at

dinner in the Press Club, and he would almost invariably salute me as a "citoyen" of the only Republic in existence. This brief confession of political faith having been performed. Pain would instantly permit himself to be the good fellow that he really is, although sometimes rather too bilious in his way of looking at the world.

ANNIHILATED GENERAL HICKS'S ARMY

at El Obeid, he entered the readingroom of the club perfectly radiant with joy. Very soon we all knew that he per cent. of the present strength of the troops here will be required before day or two he was off, the accredited autumn owing to the large number of special correspondent of the Figaro. cases of sickness and death from heat. Gemal-ed-Din, the illustrious sheik from Afghanistan, whom I interviewed for the Herald in March last, furnished to the Mahdi, who used to be his pup !.

THE MAHDI'S LIEUTENANT.

Arrived in Egypt, Pain sent tetters to the Figure for awhile; but, as they criticised the English in a way anything but agreeable, the authorities at Cairo soon stopped him in his work.

Other Pain's Matred of Everything Earlish Possible Biggard to flow Mailester to the Figure for awhile; but, as they criticised the English in a way anything but agreeable, the authorities at Cairo Northern Pacific 188 Then he started up the Nile on land, and had reached Assouan, when his escort abandoned him in the desert. Finally he managed to join a caravan, and since then-August, 1884—no one has had any direct news whatever from him. It is known, however, that he succeeded in crossing the desert after a caravan journey of seven-ty days, and that he reached the army of the Mahdi. Many weeks passe without further news from this French ournalist. Not so very long ago we earned of his whereabouts, and of his doings in the army opposing the inva-sion of Northern Egypt by the "Hes-sians" of old England. He was now a general; he was in the confidence of the "emissary of God"; he had become an out-and-out Mussulman, and he was assisting in the direction of the military operations around Khartoum Our latest advices are that the Mahdi has appointed Pain as Prime Minister. All this seems almost incredible, but i was none the less true, and he soon let the English know that he was their mortal foe. Pain has played an important Khartoum, and, part in the siege of according to private information received here, it was not a few days ago, but toward the end of October, when that city fell into the power of the Mahdi. The victory was kept secret, however, in order to draw the English troops into a position where the tac-tics which had proved so successful at El Obeid might be repeated. the reconnoissance of Colonel Wilson, the army of General Wolseley would have been very lucky, indeed, had it escaped the fate which overtook that of General Hicks. As Pain is now the Foreign Minister of the Mahdi, it is with him that the English commander will have to treat, and it may happen that the French journalist, who the wouldbe masters of Egypt tried so hard to get rid of a few months ago, may yet dictate terms to the representative of her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India. By the way, Gemal-ed-Din told me

that the Mahdi is in the thirty-third year of his age. He has three wives. less number than the Mussulman law allows, the Koran laying it down that man should have his early youth the Mahdi WAS reli-that is, "stamped with the spirit of God." Gemal-ed-Din considers him a very intelligent man. He was always a hard student, a deep thinker, never inclined to be communicative, and although willing to take advice, was not easily induced to change his mind after he had once determined on a thing for himself. He has no official rank and no social position by inheritance, and all that he is he owes to

LATE WEATHER REPORT. [Special telegram to the Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19-1:20 A. M .- For the South Atlantic

For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather in the southern portion, partly cloudy weather, light local snows in the northern partion, followed by fair weather, generally warmer, variable winds, shifting to westerly.

was clear, partly cloudy, cold, with slight fall of snow at midnight,

Range of Thermometer Yesterday. 9 A. M.

DEADLY FIRE-DAMP. Over Two Hundred Miners Entombed by air

Explosion. BERLIN, March 18 .- Two bundred and seventeen miners were imprisoned colliery at Camphausen, near Saarbruck, in Rhenish Prussia, this morning, and at a late hour this afternoon but seventeen of them had been rescued. It is feared that most of the two hundred of the others have been sufficiently, \$4.25a\$5; patent family, bundred of the others have been sufficiently, \$5a\$5.50. Market dull.

CONTOCCOOK, N. H., March 18, A distinct shock of earthquake was felt

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. NEW YORK, March 18,-The stock on reports of threatened trouble be-Union Pacific was feverish all day, and | for crude; these two stocks has been largely in- mess, \$13,50. Middles dull. closing 11 lower. The other weak stocks were Canada Southern and New York Central. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Jersey Central today. Reading's proposed modification of lease was rejected, and it is believed the lease between the two companies will be broken shortly. stocks were Grangers and Vanderbilts. St. Paul closed | higher on a report of increased earnings. Northwestern was up ;. New York Central ;. Lake The break in the market brought in fresh buyers, and both bulls and bears are rejoicing over the increase in business promised. Sales,

Noon .- Stocks mere active. Money, per cent. Exchange-Long, 483;; short, 486. Governments steady. States higher. Evening .- Exchange, 4831. Money, Idal per cent. Sub-Treasury balances— Gold. \$145.531; currency, \$24,779. Governments dull; 4 per cents, 1221; 3 per cents, 101 bid. State bonds

Alabama-Class A, 2 to 5. B, 5's, sm'll. Georgia 6's.... 1001 Georgia 7's, mortgage North Carolina's. North Carolina's, new North Carolina funding ... day when the news arrived that the South Carolina Brown con . Tennessee 6's.... Virginia 6's..... Virginia consols... Chesapeake and Ohio. Chicago and Northwestern . Chicago and Northwestern p'fd. . 131 Denver and Rio Grande Fast Tennessee Railroad.

I ake Shore.....

A cmphis and Charleston..... Mcbile and Ohio.....

Nashville and Chattanooga......

Louisville and Nashville.

Reading
Richmond and Alleghany
Richmond and Danville
Rich and West Point Terminal Rock Island..... St. Paul preferred ... Texas Pacific.... Wabash Pacific preferred ... Western Union .. BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE, March 18 .- Virginia

6's, consols, 431; past-due coupons, 55; new 10-40's, 35; new 3's, 521. North Carolina 6's, old, 110. Bid to day.

RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE. WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1885. SALES .- 700 North Carolina 4's small bonds, at 86; 25 shares Peters-

burg Railroad stock at 281, 20 do. at 281; 100 Richmond city 8's at 1324. STATE SECURITIES. Bid. Asked. Virginia 10-40's 35 Virginia consols Virginia peelers... Virginia new 3's. Va. con. tax-rec. coup., '82, 54† Virginia consols, 1883. 40 North Carolina 4's North Carolina 6's......1111 CITY BONDS. 133 132 Richmond city 8's.

Richmond city 6's Richmond city 5's 1041 105 RAILROAD BONDS. Va. and Tenn. ext. 5's. Va. and Tenn. 3d mort. 8's, 125 Col. & Greenville 1st 6's., 961 Col. & Green, 2d 6's Va. Midland income 6's Southside 1st mt. pref. 8's, 110 Southside 2d mt, pref. 6's ... 101 Southside 3d mt. pref. 6's...102 Petersburg Class A, 5's, Pet. Class B, 6's. Rich, and Pet, first 6's Rich, and Pet. con. 7's ... R. F. & P. ext. 5's. R. and D. con. 6's, 1885,...102 R. and D. con. 6's, 1890 1044 1054 R. and D. gold 6's. R. and D. debentures. Atlanta and Charlotte 7's., 111 A. and C. inc. 6's. C., C. and A. 1st mort, 7's, 106

Western N. Carolina 6's Georgia Pacific 1st 6's 951 RAILROAD STOCKS. Par. R., F. & P. common 100 624 R., F. & P. div. scrip ... 100 45 R., F. & P. 6 p. c. guar. 100 115 R., F. & P.7 p. c. guar. 100 130 Col. & Greenville pref., 100 184 Rich. & Petersburg....100 Petersburg Railroad....100 Rich. & Alleghany Char., Col. & Augusta. 100 Atlanta & Charlotte.... 100 North Carolina..... 100 84 Norfolk & W. pref 100 21 BANKS.

100 137 First National. State Bank of Va 100 106 Pet'b'g Sav. and In. Co. 20 19 INSUBANCE CO'S.

RICHMOND, March 18, 1885. OFFERINGS. WHEAT.-Mixed, 3,000 bushels. Red, 650 bushels. Total, 3,650 bush-

Mixed, 1,500 bushels.

OATS .- 4,000 bushels. MILL-OFFAL .- 15 tons.

SALES REPORTED TO SECRETARY. 95 to 97c.; 1,200 bushels on private terms. Red, 600 bushels prime Longberry on private terms; 50 bushels good Shortberry at 90c. OATS .- Mixed, 1,100 bushels very

good on private terms. We quote : Fine, \$2.25a \$2.50 ; superfine, \$2.621a\$3.25; extra, \$3.50a\$3.90;

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK. NEW YORK, March 18 .- Cotton

in this vicinity a few minutes past noon dull; sales, 109 bales; uplands, 11 5-16c.; Orleans, II 9-16c.; consolidated net receipts, 2,628 bales; exportsnone. Southern flour steady. Spot dull and without decided change NEW YORK, March 18.—The stock ungraded red, 83a95c.; No. 2 red, market to-day was irregular, at times March, 871a88 c.; April, 871a88 c. onite feverish, and decidedly more ac- Corn-Spot advanced {a }c.; ungraded, tive than for several days past. The 484a50c.: No. 2 March, 494c.: April, weakest spots were Pacific Mail and 49 a49 le. Oats lafe, higher: No. 2, Union Pacific, which declined heavily 35 a 37 c. Coffee Spot fair; Rio firm on reports of threatened trouble beat \$8.87; No. 7 Rio, spot. \$7.15; was highest at the opening, when it nominal; refined quiet. Molasses steady, sold at 60; and closed 2; lower. Rice steady. Cotton-seed oil, 34x36c. 401c. for refined. Rosin closed with a net decline of 1 j. There | dull. Hides firm. Wood unchanged. is no doubt that the short interest in | Pork dull and barely steady; family opened a couple of points higher; closed creased to-day, but there is also con-siderable realizing by old bulls on Pa-weak with the advance lost; western cific Mail. Central Pacific was weak, steam. spot. \$7.221; April. \$7.20a 87.21. Freights firm

BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE, March 18 .- Flour dull: Howard-street and western super fine. \$2.62a83; extra, \$3.10a\$3.65; family, \$3,80a84.75; City Mills superfine, \$2.75a\$3; extra, \$3.15a\$3.65; Rie rands, \$4,50a\$4.62. Wheat-Southern nominally steady; western steady and dull; southern red, 85a89c.; amber, 94a96c.; No. 1 Maryland, 904a91c.; No. 2 western winter red, spot, 85 a85 tc. Corn-Southern quiet; western easier and dull : southern white, 51a524c, ; vellow, 49a50c. Oats firm for choice; southern, 36a38c.; western white, 37a 38c.; mixed, 35a36c. Rve quiet at 72 a75c. Hay firm ; prime to choice Pennsylvania and Maryland, 13a15c. Pro-visions steady. Mess-pork, \$13.75a \$14. Bulk-meats—shoulders and clearrib sides, packed, \$5.75 and \$7.50. Bacon—Shoulders, \$6.50; clear-rib sides. \$8.25; hams, \$11.75a\$12.50. Lard— Refined, \$8.25. Coffee dull; Rio, \$7.874 a88.874. Sugar quiet; A soft, 6c. Whis keys teady at \$1.20a\$1.21. Freights

CINCINNATI, March 18 .- Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull; No. 2 red, 85a86c. Corn easier; No. 2 mixed, 44a45c. Oats steady; No. 2 mixed, 34a34jc. Pork quiet at \$12.75. Lard unchanged. Bulk-meats dull; shoulders, \$4.75; short-rib sides, \$6.374. Bacon unchanged. Whiskey steady at \$1.13. Sugar unchanged. Hogs quiet; common and light, \$3.80a\$4.90; packing and butchers', \$4.45a\$5. LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, March 18 .- Grain quiet. Wheat-No. 2 red, 85c. Corn-No. 2 white, 46c. Oats-No. 2 40 mixed, 344c. Provisions dull. Mess-74 pork, \$13. Bulk-meats—Shoulders,

\$4.75; clear rib, \$6.50; clear sides,

66.75. Bacom-Shoulders, 63.874; sleer rib, 87; nides, 87.374. Sugar-cored fame, 10jalle. Lard-Prime test, \$8.50. Sr. Louis, March 18.—Flour un-changed. Wheatslow, with slight finela-tions; No. 2 red, 81 ja 82c. cash. Com

ations; No. 2 red, 81 ja82c. cash. Corndull, with more sellers than buyers, at 37 ja38c. cash; 37 ja37 jc. April. Oatevery slow; 31c. cash. Whiskey ateady at \$1.14. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Pork \$12.50. Bulk-mests slow; long clear, \$6.20; short ribs, \$6.30; clear, \$6.55. Bacon Long clear, \$6.70; short ribs, \$6.85; clear, \$7. Hams, \$ja11jc. Lard, \$6.75a, \$6.80.

CHICAGO, March 18 .- Flour dull

and unchanged. Wheat fairly active; opened easier, advanced §c., fell back, and closed shade under yesterday; and closed shade under yesterday; March, 73 a 74 a; April, 74 c.; May, 78 a 79 a; No. 2 red, 77c. Corn. moderately active and closed a shade higher; cash, 37 a 39 a; March, 37 a 37 [c.; April, 37 a 38c.; May, 41 a 41 [c. Oats dull and steady; cash, 27 a a30c. : March and April, 37 le.; May, 30 a 31 ic. Mess-pork quiet and steady; cash and March, \$12.30a\$12.50; April, \$12.321a\$12.35; May, \$12.421a\$12.50. Lard quiet and unchanged; cash, \$6.85a \$6.87\frac{1}{2}; April, \$6.90; May, \$6.95a \$6.97\frac{1}{2}. Boxed-meats steady. Dry-salted shoulders, \$4.80a84.90; short rib, \$6.15a86.20; clear, \$6.70a86.75. Whiskey firm at \$1.15. Sugars steady and unchanged.

REVIEW OF CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 18 .- There was

little of an attractive nature in to-day's leading markets, everything being dull and heavy, and averaging little lower, though not closing materially different from prices current twenty-four hours ago. The affecting causes to-day were consols and crop talk. Trading was light all over the floor. Wheat was again a little unsettled, fluctuating le. in the leading future. The opening was steady for April and May, but a shade lower for June delivery. Early strength and a bulge of ic. were attributed to the reported decline in consols, but the support was soon withdrawn, and the market sagged [c. below the opening point. Under a spirit of liberal selling, the shorts having previously filled themselves from the lowest point, there was a recovery of ic. toward noon, but the close at 1 o'clock was easy and inclined to heaviness. No. 2 spring sold from 76 to 76 te. cash. The market closed a shade stronger on the afternoon board. Corn was generally traded in to a much less extent. Kxcept in seller May there was no decline below the opening quotations, and on the month named the drop was very slight. The upward range of 1, however, was not confined to free selling and sympathy for the heavy tone of other markets. The close of the moraing session was quiet and about steady. No. 2 cash sold from 39 to 401. Oats were again very dull, with fluctuations of in seller May, the only future traded in. there was little stuff offered, and few bids a market. Provisions were fairly firm early in the session, opening at an advance of 5c, in pork and 24c, in lard, and for a short time holding quite stiffly up to the opening figures, but as the session advanced sellers became quite free, and at the close of the morning session the market had sagged off to about its low est points and was quotably heavy. Trading was entirely of a local character and entered into but moderately by GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE. any interests. MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, March 18 .- Flour dull.

Wheat strong; No. 2 Milwaukee, cach, 75c.; March, 744c. Corn neglected; No. 3, 40c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, 31c. Provisions firmer. Mess-pork, 812.35 cash and March. Lard—Prime steam, \$6.88 cash and March. Hoge firmer at \$4.20a\$4.60. WILMINGTON. WILMINGTON N C March 18 -

Turpentine firm at 284c. Rosin steady; strained, 924c.; good, 974c. Tar firm at \$1.20. Crude turpentine steady; hard, \$1.15; yellow-dip and

virgin, \$1.75. COTTON MARKETS. NORFOLK, VA., March 18 .- Cotton dull; middling, 10 15-16c. Net receipts, 218 bales; gross receipts, 218 bales; stock, 16,096 bales; sales, 161

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 18 .-Cotton quiet; middling, 10 c. Net receipts, 39 bales; gross receipts,

ton dull; middling, 10 jc. Net re-ceipts, 280 bales; gross receipts, 280 bales; sales, 200 bales; stock, 21,934 bales. AUGUSTA, GA., March 18 .- Cot-

ton quiet; middling, 10 jc. Receipts, 137 bales; shipments, —; sales, 164 bales. CHARLESTON, S. C., March 18 .-Cotton dull; middling, 101c. Net receipts, 179 bales; gross receipts, 179 bales; sales, bales; stock,

5.194 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES. NEW YORK, March 18 .- Cotton-Net receipts, 766 bales; gross receipts .981 bales. Futures closed quiet and steady; sales, 30,800 bales; March, 11.31a#11.32; April, #11.25a#11.26; May, \$11.37a\$11.38; June, \$11.49a 811.50; July, \$11.56a\$11.57; August, \$11.63a\$11.64; September, \$11.23a \$11.25; October, \$10.75a\$10.77; November and December, \$10.59a\$10.60.

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET. [Reported for the Dispatch.] NORFOLK, March 18 .- Best hand picked, 4½44c. per pound; extra hand-picked, 3½c. per pound; other grades, 3a34c. per pound. Sales, 200 bags at 3½c. per pound. Market quiet. Re-ceipts, 8,903 bags. Stock, 57,413 bags,

MARINE INTELLIGENCE MINIATURE ALMANAC, MARCH 19, 1666. Sup rises 6:29 | Hran Tide; Sup sets 6:16 | Morning 5:50 Moon sets 9:34 | Evening 6:13 PORT OF RICHMOND, MARCH 18, 1865.

Schooler Cora Studiey, Kennebec, ice, V. Hectler, Jr., & Co. Schooler Marka E., Byard, Camp. New York, kninite. Southern Fertilizing Com-

Steamer Ariel, Gifford, Norfolk, United States mull, merchandise and passengers. L. B. Tatum, agent.

CLEARED.
Schooper Georgia, Coffin, Cardense, hoops, Pitts & Dorrier; vessel, Curtis & Parker. PORT OF NEWPORT'S NEWS, MARCH 15.

Steamship Blackstone, Kent, Providence, and sailed for West Point, Steamship Longhist (Br.), Brown, New Orleans.
Steamship Bessie Morris (Sr.), Hildicke.
New Orleans.
Schooner William H. Railey, Longstreet. er William H. Bailey, Longstreet, New York, schooner Sumuel S. Thorp, Railey, New York, schooner Peter H. Crowell, Baker, Nor-

SAILED. Steamship Thor (Br.), Needham, Dua-kirk, France, having conled. Steamship Manhattan, Stevens, West Point. Schooner D. S. Williams, Jr., Hawes, Frovidence, coal, Chesapeake and Ohio-rallway.

BOOK AND JOB WORK NEATLY PARTY